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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 18, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the following

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF MARCH 11, 1896, TRANSMITTING A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, SHOWING THE PRESENT STATE AND CONDITION OF THE FUNDS OR ANNUITIES OF THE CHEROKEE, CHOCTAW, CHICKASAW, CREEK, AND SEMINOLE TRIBES OF INDIANS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 17, 1896.

SIR: In conformity with the "resolution" of the Senate, dated the 11th instant, I have the honor to herewith transmit a copy of a letter, dated the 16th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, showing the "present state and condition of the funds or annuities of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes of Indians under the control of the United States, and for the future payment of which the United States is obligated by law or treaty.

Very respectfully,

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 16, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference of the 12th instant for report, of the following Senate resolution, namely:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is directed to inform the Senate of the present state and condition of the funds or annuities of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes of Indians under the control of the United States, and for the future payment of which the United States is obligated by law or treaty.

The following statement will exhibit the present state and condition of the funds and the annuities of the tribes named:

Tribes and fund.	Amount on deposit in the United States Treasury, in lieu of investment at 5 per cent per annum, and bonds held in trust.	Specific amounts hereafter to be appropriated by Congress on account of treaty obligations.	Annual interest.
Cherokee asylum fund.....	\$64, 147. 17	.....	\$3, 207. 36
Cherokee national fund.....	1, 271, 904. 65	.....	63, 595. 23
Cherokee orphan fund.....	352, 456. 05	.....	17, 622. 80
Cherokee school fund.....	797, 756. 01	.....	39, 887. 80
United States issue to Union Pacific Railroad, Eastern Division.....	230, 716. 10	.....	13, 842. 97
Total.....	2, 716, 979. 98	.....	138, 156. 16
Choctaw treaty.....	.....	\$390, 257. 92	19, 512. 90
Choctaw general fund.....	498, 514. 00	.....	24, 925. 70
Choctaw orphan fund.....	37, 014. 29	.....	1, 850. 71
Choctaw school fund.....	49, 472. 70	.....	2, 473. 63
Total.....	585, 000. 99	390, 257. 92	48, 762. 94
Chickasaw national fund.....	1, 306, 695. 66	.....	65, 334. 78
Creeks, treaty.....	.....	475, 168. 00	23, 758. 40
Creek general fund.....	1, 800, 000. 00	.....	90, 000. 00
Total.....	1, 800, 000. 00	475, 168. 00	123, 758. 40
Seminoles, treaty.....	.....	570, 000. 00	28, 500. 00
Seminole general fund.....	1, 500, 000. 00	.....	75, 000. 00
Total.....	1, 500, 000. 00	570, 000. 00	103, 500. 00

In addition to the above, the Creeks, Chickasaws, and Choctaws received under treaty stipulations the following permanent annuities, which sums capitalized would require appropriation and would be as follows:

	Amount.	Interest.
Creeks.....	\$524, 200. 00	\$26, 210. 00
Choctaws.....	210, 400. 00	10, 520. 00
Chickasaws.....	60, 000. 00	3, 000. 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cherokees:		
Fund in the Treasury in lieu of investment.....	\$2, 716, 979. 98	
And United States bonds held in trust.		
Choctaws:		
Funds in the Treasury in lieu of investment.....	\$585, 000. 99	
To be appropriated by Congress.....	390, 257. 92	
Capitalized permanent annuities.....	210, 400. 00	
Chickasaws:		1, 185, 658. 91
Funds in the Treasury in lieu of investment.....	1, 306, 695. 66	
Capitalized permanent annuity.....	60, 000. 00	
Creeks:		1, 366, 695. 66
Funds in the Treasury in lieu of investment.....	1, 800, 000. 00	
To be appropriated by Congress.....	475, 168. 00	
Capitalized in permanent annuities.....	524, 200. 00	
Seminoles:		2, 799, 368. 00
Funds in the Treasury in lieu of investment.....	1, 500, 000. 00	
To be appropriated by Congress.....	475, 168. 00	
Grand total.....		10, 043, 870. 55

The resolution is respectfully returned herewith.

Very respectfully, D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner*.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.